ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND USE HEARINGS OFFICE

Minutes of Meeting September 22, 2011 10:30 a.m.

The September 22, 2011 meeting was called to order by Chair Kathleen Mix in the Boards' office in Tumwater, Washington. Present were Chair Kathleen Mix, Board Members Bill Lynch and Andrea McNamara Doyle, Administrative Appeals Judges Kay Brown and Phyllis Macleod, Administrative Manager Robyn Bryant, Hearings Coordinator Debbie Joblonski, and Administrative Secretary Janet Buechler. Minutes of the August 9, 2011 meeting were read and approved.

Handouts were distributed. The reports included the number and type of pollution and shoreline appeals filed, a brief summary of all cases that have closed, and the Case Statistics Report.

There was a short discussion at the start of the meeting regarding Andrea McNamara Doyle's departure from the Boards to assume the duties of Executive Director of the Public Disclosure Commission effective October 16, 2011. The Board Members, Judges and Office Staff conveyed their congratulations for her service to the office.

Appellate Report

Janet Buechler reported five Superior Court Appeal has been filed; three Shorelines cases, Frank and Greenstone Corp. v. Ecology (Spokane County); Boitano, et al. v. Sperry Ocean Dock, et al.; and Friends of Grays Harbor v. Wal-Mart, et al.; and two Pollution Control cases, Cedar Grove v. PSCAA and The Boeing Company v. Ecology.

Budget

Kathy Mix reported on the effects to the office of the possible 5-10% additional cuts as requested by the Governor.

ELUHO Transition

Kathy indicated that the ELUHO transition is substantially complete with the exception of approval of a few remaining policies.

Environmental and Land Use Newsletter

Andrea McNamara Doyle asked for a volunteer to carry on after her departure with the submissions to the Bar Association Newsletter. Kathy Mix volunteered.

Miscellaneous

There were short discussions regarding the digitizing and archiving of library copies of decisions issued and the routing of advance sheets.

Meeting adjourned.

Janet Buechler Administrative Secretary